

After reading over what the FCC is proposing to do for the ISP's and ILEC's in this country makes me sick. A company should make a profit and gain customers for providing good customer service along with a good product/service offering.

The 1996 de-regulations act was a great advancement in forcing the ILEC's to provide better service due to the fact that they would have real competition. Now you want to kick out the competition because the ILEC's have run some of the CLEC's out of business or because some of these companies haven't provided a service in rural areas. The last time I checked the middle of rural Iowa doesn't have a Starbucks on every corner and no government agency is trying to pass legislation to give those citizens equal access to coffee. It is not the governments responsibility or job to provide High-Speed Internet access to rural communities. You must also look at the feasibility of providing DSL services in rural areas where your next closest neighbor is 10 miles away. DSL does not have the technical ability to work at distances that far and no company regardless if they are a ILEC, CLEC ect will build out a telecommunications network worth billions of dollars to serve 10,000 people. It does not make economical or common sense.

Another point is the ILEC's inability to cooperate with the current laws. These ILEC's have paid over \$1.8 billion dollars in fines relating to settlements, judgments and other charges, by the FCC, state public utilities commissions, local officials and courts according to VFC (www.voicesforchoices.com). Why should you grant monopoly power back to the companies who have been constantly fined trying to stop the competition?

The last time I checked we are supposed to have a free-enterprise economy, not one where the government tells its citizens who we have to get service from. The 1996 telecommunications act was great but needs to be expanded with harsh fines imposed against the ILEC's/CLEC's, and anyone else involved, for not following the laws and impeding growth and competition.

STOP GIVING INTO THE DEEP POCKETS OF THE BABY BELLS AND LISTEN TO THE CONSUMERS FOR ONCE.

Thank you,

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